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Israeli-Egyptian Summit

President Husni Mubarak's summit meeting with Prime Minister Shim'on Peres in Alexandria marks the beginning of a "new era" in bilateral relations and in the search for a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East, the two sides announced in a joint communique carried by MENA after further talks 12 September. The statement commended the Taba arbitral compromis agreement as an example of the importance of resolving disputes through peaceful negotiations, adding that both sides must now focus efforts on reviving the peace process in order to resolve "all aspects of the Palestinian problem" and establish a comprehensive peace settlement. They proclaimed 1987 to be "the year of negotiations for peace" and urged all parties concerned to devote this year to achieving peace. After the communique was read out by the Egyptian foreign minister, Mubarak disclosed that the two sides "both agreed on an international peace conference," MENA noted, and he added that they approved the formation of a preparatory committee for such a conference. The Palestinian problem cannot be solved in 24 hours, he pointed out, but "good progress" was made at the summit. As for bilateral relations, MENA announced Egypt's decision to appoint Muhammad Basyuni as its ambassador to Israel.

Reporting on the outcome of the summit, Jerusalem radio said the two leaders apparently decided to "bypass" the Palestinian problem in order to make the joint statement possible. The start of the final round of talks had been delayed because differences on the Palestine problem caused difficulties in formulating the joint communique, the radio disclosed.

Peres had earlier told Jerusalem radio that his first round of talks with Mubarak was "very positive" and that "the distance that separates us is very small." He also informed journalists that he and Mubarak agreed in principle on an international conference, though "minor" difficulties existed on technical matters, according to *The Jerusalem Post*. Mubarak noted that the suspension of the Jordanian-Palestinian agreement has made it more difficult to promote peaceful efforts to resolve the Palestinian issue, MENA reported.

As for the Taba arbitral compromis, Cairo radio viewed the agreement as a "clear victory" for Egyptian negotiators, maintaining that the end result was "completely in line with Egyptian demands for accurate positioning of the border markers." On the other hand, *The Jerusalem Post* indicated that both sides made last minute concessions on the demarcation issue after "tremendous American pressure was placed on both sides."

Commenting on the Alexandria talks, Jordan's *Al-Ra'y* said the "summit for Israeli blackmail" was planned by Israel and the United States in order to achieve gains for Israel before any progress is made on the Palestine question. The paper urged Mubarak not to allow this "blackmail scheme" to undermine Egyptian-Arab ties. Syrian newspapers reviewed by Damascus radio described the summit as "treasonous" and said it represents "an abandonment of Egypt's affiliation with the Arab nation."

Iran-Iraq War

An Iranian surface-to-surface missile hit the Iraqi secret police headquarters in Baghdad during the night of 11 September, IRNA announced, adding that the attack was in retaliation for Iraq's air raids on Iranian residential areas and for its use of chemical weapons. The missile was launched by a unit of the Revolution Guards Corps Air Forces, according to a statement broadcast by Tehran radio. An Iraqi military spokesman cited by Voice of the Masses radio said the missile landed in a crowded residential area of Baghdad, killing 21 people.

IRNA reported that Iraqi planes bombed residential areas in Bakhtaran 12 September, killing 12 civilians and wounding many others.

Iranian troops had earlier launched a "limited" attack in the Majnun Islands area, Tehran radio reported, claiming that the Iranians destroyed an Iraqi battalion and took 31 prisoners. However, an Iraqi communique broadcast by Voice of the Masses radio said that Iraqi troops recaptured the only position taken by the Iranians, destroying the attacking force. The communique accused the Iranians of having executed Iraqi prisoners, a charge which was denied by an Iranian spokesman cited by Tehran radio. The spokesman said the Iraqi claim was a "propaganda exercise" designed to prevent Iraqi soldiers from surrendering and to justify "new crimes" by the Iraqi regime.

In the Gulf, Iraqi planes hit a "large maritime target" off the Iranian coast 11 September, according to an Iraqi communique broadcast by Voice of the Masses.

Lebanon

Another U.S. citizen was kidnapped in Beirut 12 September, Voice of Lebanon radio announced, disclosing that gunmen seized Joseph Cicippio, the chief accountant at the American University of Beirut, while he was walking to work. Earlier, the radio reported that kidnapped U.S. citizen Frank Reed was moved to the Shaykh 'Abdallah Barracks in the Al-Biqa' Valley 10 September in a Syrian Army truck belonging to Hizballah. The radio also stated that a pro-Libyan group has established a camp in the Al-Biqa' at which Libyan and Palestinian experts are supervising terrorist training courses. The organization, called the "Revolutionary Vanguards," is reportedly cooperating with the group led by Sabri al-Banna, alias Abu Nidal.

Sudan

Relations With Libya — Sudan and Libya will shortly implement a bilateral commercial agreement, the Sudanese trade and

cooperation minister disclosed in a statement cited by JANA. Libyan leader Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi continued his contacts in Khartoum 11 September, meeting with leaders of the Democratic Unionist Party, the Islamic National Front, and southern political groups, according to SUNA.

SPLA Appeal — The clandestine SPLA radio broadcast a statement by SPLA leader Colonel John Garang urging government troops in the south to withdraw from their positions or to discuss peace terms with the SPLA as their situation is "desperate." Addressing the "besieged garrisons" of Rumbek, Bor, Bentiu, Tonj, Kapoeta, Torit, Akobo, Waw, and Nasir, he stressed that the SPLA will provide food and safe passage to deserters from the Sudanese Army.

Gandhi on Steps To Ensure Punjab Border Security

BK110939 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 11 Sep 86

[Text] The prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, today said that the center will not hesitate to take steps under the powers granted by the Rajya Sabha to counter any attempt by the Punjab Government that might weaken the border security in the state. Mr Gandhi was reacting to the decision of the Punjab Government to appoint an enquiry committee to go into the recent incidents on the India-Pakistan border, in which 10 alleged terrorists were killed in an encounter with the Border Security Force. Mr Gandhi told PTI in New Delhi that if we feel that the Punjab Government is going to take any action which can weaken our border security, we will have to take steps to counter that. We have now been given powers by the Rajya Sabha and we will not hesitate to use them, the prime minister added.

Pakistani Firing Over Line of Control Diminishes

BK120302 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 12 Sep 86

[Text] A spokesman of the Indian Army said at Jammu yesterday that the unprovoked Pakistani firing continuing over the line of control in Jammu division for the last 1 year had died down during the last 2 weeks. Talking to newsmen, he said three civilians were killed last month in the Punch sector in the Pakistani firing. The Indian Army is in full control of the situation and has thwarted all attempts of infiltration from across the border, he added.

West Bengal Asks More Security on Nepal Border

BK111311 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 11 Sep 86

[Text] The West Bengal Government has requested the center to strengthen security in at least two of the three points on its border with Nepal in order to stop infiltration of undersirable elements. The chief minister, Mr Jyoti Basu, disclosed this while addressing a meeting of editors and other media heads in Calcutta today. He said that about 4,000 people had recently crossed over through these points to participate in demonstrations organized by the so-called Gurkha National Liberation Front [GNLF]. Mr Basu ruled out any possibility of a dialogue with the GNLF unless it abandons its antinational and divisive activities.

11 Arrested in Clash With GNLF

BK110940 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 11 Sep 86

[Text] In West Bengal, 11 persons have been arrested so far in connection with last Tuesday's [9 September] incident at Birpara in Jalpaiguri District. Two persons were killed and several injured following a clash between police and the supporters of the so called Gurkha National Liberation Front.

Meanwhile, elaborate security arrangements have been made in three hill subdivisions of Darjeeling District to maintain law and order in view of the 1-day strike called by central trade unions for tea garden workers.

Suspected 'Mastermind' of Karachi Hijacking Arrested

NC111810 Paris AFP in English 1754 GMT 11 Sep 86

[Text] Islamabad, Sept 11 (AFP) — Pakistan police have arrested a man believed to have been the mastermind of a gang which hijacked a Pan Am jet at Karachi Airport last Friday leaving 21 dead, press reports said Thursday.

The *Nawa-e Waqt* daily said an Arab, Salman Taraqi, was arrested Wednesday after flying here from Karachi on a Pakistan International Airlines flight.

It said he was the mastermind behind the four Arab gunmen who killed 21 people and wounded more than 100, before being arrested in a commando action last Friday. The gunmen are currently held by Pakistan authorities.

The official *Associated Press of Pakistan* (APP) [words indistinct] the arrest and said Mr Taraqi was "suspected of being involved in the hijacking".

But APP said the Federal Investigation Agency had denied that another suspect from the hijacking was arrested at the same time.

According to *Nawa-e Waqt*, an accomplice fled from the Islamabad airport and took refuge at the Palestinian Liberation Organization mission in Islamabad.

APP said Mr Taraqi had been sent back to Karachi for questioning by police investigating the hijacking.

Nawa-e Waqt said he had no job in Pakistan, but during the past ten days he made seven trips between Karachi and Islamabad.

The Pakistan Government Thursday appointed Air Marshal Shabbir Hussain Syed, [words indistinct] security lapses at Karachi airport and fixed responsibility, in the wake of the hijacking, officials said.

He has been authorised to co-opt any other official or intelligence agencies to help in the enquiry.

He has been asked to find out how the hijackers got round security arrangements at the airport to get to the Pan Am Boeing 747 jet that had come from Bombay and was to continue a journey to New York.

The hijackers apparently had copies made of uniforms used by security officers and hired a bus to get them into Karachi airport.

The air marshal is also to:

— Inquire into the sequence of events up to the ending of the hijacking and highlight inadequacies in the anti-hijack operation.

— Point out security weaknesses at Karachi airport.

— Make recommendations to prevent further hijackings in Pakistan.

Justice Minister on Current Situation in Sind

BK110439 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 11 Sep 86

[Text] Federal Minister for Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Iqbal Ahmad Khan has said that the overall law and order situation in Sind is returning to normal and there is no law and order problem in the province. Speaking to newsmen in Islamabad yesterday after his return from an extensive tour of Sind with the prime minister, he said he did not come across any indication of fear or anxiety, nor did he see any symptoms of antinational feelings or confrontation. He said the people of Sind are patriots and they are facing the same problems as the people of other parts of the country.

Referring to the incidents of dacoity, he said with the cooperation of the people it has been brought under control to a great extent. Police patrol has been intensified, and police personnel have been provided with adequate weapons to deal with this problem effectively. In reply to a question, the minister for justice said the prime minister has already announced that the government will provide complete protection to those people who will identify the elements patronizing the dacoits in Sind. He said the coming elections will held on a party basis in 1990 and no decision has been taken yet on future local bodies elections.

Opposition Parties Reported Planning Future Action

BK111309 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 11 Sep 86

[Text] In Pakistan, the Movement for Restoration of Democracy — MRD — is to resume its agitation to press its demands on the 20th of this month. Meanwhile, the government has released a large number of political leaders who were arrested in connection with the recent agitation in the country. Among the released were the Pakistan People's Party general secretary, General Tikka Khan. General Khan said that he will leave for Karachi tomorrow to attend a meeting of the party Central Committee to discuss the future course of action.

Minister of State Departs for GATT Meeting

BK101704 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 10 Sep 86

[Text] Minister of State for Commerce Taslim Nawaz Gardezi, accompanied by a 4-member delegation, left Islamabad for Karachi this afternoon on his way to Uruguay to attend the ministerial conference of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade [GATT] beginning on Monday [15 September]. Talking to newsmen at the airport, he said that Pakistan will try to persuade developed nations like the United States and the EEC countries at the conference to review their restrictive trade policies, which have been adversely affecting the cotton and rice exports of developing nations. Pakistan will also urge these countries to end trade restrictions on items exported from developing countries. Taslim Nawaz Gardezi said that Pakistan will support the efforts to stabilize the GATT and make it beneficial for both the developed and developing countries.

Reception of Broadcast by Shah's Son Denied
LD121024 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0400 GMT 12 Sep 86

[Excerpts] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. The departure of vast numbers of combatants of Islam toward the battlefronts has created waves of panic and anxiety in reactionary and arrogant circles. As to when the destiny-making offensive of the warriors of Islam will begin, from which front, how vast, and what the outcome of it will be for the two warring sides, these questions are asked with great concern. The true answer first depends on the undiminishing divine will and second on the methods of action of the combatants of Islam. [passage omitted praising the nation for their support and participation in the war]

Faced with the will and determination of the Muslim nation of Iran, global arrogance has been forced to fabricate lies through its propaganda mouthpieces. Last week, the Western mass media, affiliated with Zionism, in a futile dream, thought of deceiving their so called would-be listeners. These foreign radio stations once again armed themselves for this purpose and led by the Voice of America [VOA] broadcast a report claiming that the homeless wandering elements, the tools of global arrogance, have exploited a child [Reza Shah the Second] to show a several-minutes long program in Tehran.

The VOA said: One of the American TV networks reported that at 2100 Tehran time yesterday, a message was broadcast by the late Shah of Iran's son via two television channels.

The terrorist government of Reagan, which in a disgraceful manner was the vanguard of this puppet show, by distributing the story to other affiliated American television centers, the hireling daily papers and periodicals, the radio of the Zionist regime, the BBC state radio and Radio Cologne, tried to convince the would-be listeners in Tehran that they had in fact seen such a program, and for several minutes, at a certain hour in the night, they watched some scenes that they probably know nothing about.

Since the policy of the Westerners and Zionists dictates that they should repeat a fabricated report by giving other fabricated details, so as to make it seem real, they employed the same trick in the said report. For instance, the VOA said that in order to confirm the news its telephoned a number of Tehran's inhabitants and it became clear that the story was true. [passage omitted repeating the VOA snippet in this connection] The VOA even claimed that following this program, there were some demonstrations in Tehran that resulted in clashes and gunfire. The interesting point is the fact that they claim that these imaginary demonstrations took place in southern districts of Tehran [slum district], that is, the place where people inflicted the heaviest blows on the United States and are going to deliver more deadly blows.

In view of the fact that such lies are fabricated solely for the purpose of fulfilling their propaganda tricks and desires, the BBC state radio, witnessing the fact that this time the propaganda U.S. and Israeli mouthpieces had disgraced themselves too much, stepped into the arena and adopted another propaganda approach. It said:

[Begin recording] There is no accurate and confirmed report at hand as to whether the people of Iran have watched this program or not, and basically how, and by what means, the said program was broadcast. [end recording]

In continuation of the same tricks and fabrications another ridiculous play was put on show. The daily *Liberation*, printed in Paris, claimed that in connection with the said television program — which in reality never existed — the director general of the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran has ordered the arrest of a group of radio and television employees! In view of this and in order to make ourselves more familiar with this propaganda ploy of the enemy, we interviewed Mohammad Hashemi, the director general of the Voice and Vision on the telephone, and asked him to explain about this issue and the extension propaganda launched under the leadership of the VOA. We draw your attention to this interview:

[Begin recording] [Unidentified correspondent], Hello Mr Hashemi, how are you?
[Hashemi] Hello, I am fine, thanks be to God. How are you?

[Correspondent] Fine, thank you. Mr Hashemi, recently the press and radio stations affiliated to Zionism have spread a rumor in Tehran to the effect that the counterrevolution broadcast a television program several minutes long. Because of this we have decided to take some of your time to explain your views on this issue. Could you please tell us, what is the purpose of such poisonous propaganda? And why have they launched it at this juncture?
[Hashemi] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Of course, this is not the first trick of the counterrevolution. It might be a new war launched by the counterrevolution, but certainly not a new trick. This means that whenever we begin a public move with the people's backing and support, such as the welcoming response of the people toward joining the battlefronts and our recent victories, the counterrevolution, in order to distract the public and somehow make them deviate from the main issue, fabricates a lie and spreads it. This is not the first time and it will not be the last time that such lies have been fabricated. You remember that about 2 years ago there was a rumor on direct broadcasting by satellite and the claim that every one watched it. Well, this is the usual trick of the counterrevolution.

[Correspondent] Mr Hashemi, there is a paper printed in Paris named *Liberation*. This paper has carried an article claiming that in this connection a number of radio and television staff have even been arrested. In your opinion, what is their objective in publishing such reports?
[Hashemi] Well, of course I read about my so-called own order in a telex version of the said paper. Then I realized that I issued an order without knowing about it! The reason for such deeds is that they wish to claim that they have supporters in various departments and administrative offices in Iran. They intend to create a climate of pessimism among the civil servants and pious

MUSLIM on U.S. Antiterrorism Legislation

BK120441 Islamabad THE MUSLIM in English 31 Aug p 4

[Editorial: "U.S. and Terrorism"]

[Text] President Reagan has just signed a legislation which would allocate nearly $2.5 billion to fight terrorism all over the world. Terrorism seems to be the latest obsession of President Reagan. It has been used for all kinds of illegal and otherwise unjustifiable actions such as forcing down of a civilian plane, violating the air space of a sovereign state, and converting international law intolaw of the jungle. The American President who seems to be so concerned about the safety and security of American individuals and property has himself been guilty, perhaps more than any other American president in the country's entire 200-year history, of breaching other countries security. He has certainly not done anything whatsoever to check his protege, the state of Israel, from imposing a reign of terror on the Arabs of the occupied territories and attacking Palestinian camps in Lebanon — to say nothing of its strike on PLO offices in Tunis.

The CIA has become a symbol of hate in most Third World countries and has been blamed, not without cause, for much of the destabilisation, political turmoil, and upheavals in developing countries. It already has an immense budget to carry out its unsavoury activities without the addition of these 2.5 billions. How much of it will really be used by the CIA to protect American lives and property abroad is a matter of conjecture. The chances are that its main effort will still be to overthrow 'undesirable' governments.

staff of various departments who are working like the rest of the Hezbollahi people. Basically, the aim behind every move of the counterrevolution is to wage psychological war and create pessimism and division in society and this is one of the techniques employed. They use every opportunity to do this and never think of their own credibility and prestige. They tell lies and spread such rumors.

[Correspondent] Mr Hashemi, do you think that they have resorted to such a lie because their previous lie, about direct broadcasting via satellite, would not materialize since it could not possibly do so? Do you think that is why they have had to lie about having connections in the Voice and Vision.
[Hashemi] Yes, of course. In their first report and propaganda nothing was said about the Voice and Vision. They had claimed that they had secretly smuggled some equipment inside the country which would have enabled them to do something. However, when they realized that it was a big lie, they decided to fabricate another lie. Well, these are tricks employed by them and basically they intend to create pessimism. Fortunately, our people, the officials and the nation, have understood tricks of the counterrevolution and will not pay any attention to such issues.

[Correspondent] Mr Hashemi, you are aware that the VOA was the vanguard of this rumor. Why do you think that the VOA should resort to such rumors and become the so-called standard-bearer?
[Hashemi] Of course, this is not the first time that the VOA has disgraced itself and lost credibility by resorting to such stupid deeds. Basically, the United States is the standard-bearer of all counterrevolutionary and inhumane movements in the world and it usually resorts to such deeds. It is, therefore, not surprising to see that once again the VOA is disgracing itself, since it has often done so. The reason is that they do not understand our people and their morale. This is not the first time that the United States has done this. We have seen other such instances before.

[Correspondent] Thank you very much for donating some of your time.
[Hashemi] Not at all. Do not forget that such issues have been discussed many times before and there was no need even to waste one's time on such rumors. Of course, it is not a bad idea to explain the facts to our Muslim nation.

[Correspondent] Naturally, we had no intention of wasting your time either. But since there was a report on your involvement we decided to take your time.
[Hashemi] Fine, thank you. Goodbye.

[Correspondent] May God be with you. [end recording]

Khamene'i Links War to Iran's NAM Success

LD121351 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 12 Sep 86

[Text] On the first Friday of the month of Moharram [first month of Islamic year] and on the eve of Hoseyn's 'Ashura [1st day of mourning ceremony for Hoseyn's martyrdom], Muslim people of Iran today participated in united forms with shouts of "War, war until victory," in the politico-ideological ceremonies of the Friday prayers. In Tehran too, Muslims performed this ceremony which was led by Hojjat ol-Eslam val-Moslemin Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, the Friday imam of Tehran.

The Friday imam of Tehran, in the sermons, first, while delivering an analysis of the epic of Karbala' which is the greatest example of self-sacrifice in the history of human-beings, talked and described the nonaligned countries' sessions and the successes achieved by the Iranian delegation in global terms on this trip, and stated: The powerful presence of Iran in these meetings was very striking, to the point that world arrogance even pointed this out, since it was unable to cover it up. The president, referring to the point that this trip coincided with the impressive victories of the combatants of Islam on the battlefronts stated: This success is due to the martyrdoms and the results of the struggles displayed by our beloved ones on the battlefronts.

The president added: The first success in the Nonaligned Movement sessions was that we were able to present our Koranic and Islamic viewpoints in an international forum and this was an achievement. He added: We showed what the lessons of Hoseyn and his 'Ashura could mean and explained this to the leaders of Third World countries since some of these leaders are really afraid of world arrogance. We also, in this international assembly, discussed ethics and ethical values and this was unprecedented and we pursued the subject until it stuck in the minds of leaders of various countries. The Iranian delegation, in these meetings, covered world issues and questions such as those of Palestine, apartheid, and the problems of Latin America, in a manner that was stronger than representations from these countries themselves and these speeches and deliveries received a lot of attention. This demonstrated the awareness of the Islamic Republic of Iran toward global problems and issues. We also described the nature of the imposed war in these meetings since many people did not know much about the problems involved. We described these fully both in our speeches and also in the private talks held with some of the leaders of Third World countries — and we stressed that this war was imposed on us in order to destroy a revolution and a divine system, and that Iraq is the aggressor and the aggressor must be punished.

The president, referring to the resolution issued by the nonaligned members stated: The question of how the war began and the issue of the aggressor was mentioned for the first time in the resolution but this resolution is not the resolution of true nonaligned members. Another success of the Iranian delegation in these sessions was to illustrate the international face of the Islam Republic of Iran, standing as a powerful system in the world. Finally, our last success was to draw the attention of oppressed African countries since we were the first delegation to arrive in Africa without having covetous designs on Africa; this is not what normally happens and is untypical of African history, since anyone going to Africa had covetous designs on the resources of these territories.

The chairman of the Supreme Defense Council referring to the missile attack, last night, of the combatants of Islam, on Baghdad and the "'Ashura-2" and "'Ashura-3" operations, stated: This is a prelude to the pledge we made to supporters of Iraq in Harare

and that pledge was that the Islamic Republic of Iran will, in the not-to-distant future, God willing, entirely uproot Saddam and Saddamists, and these operations were the preliminary steps in the direction of fulfilling this pledge.

The chairman of the Supreme Defense Council, next, referring to the dispatch of combat forces to the battlefronts, stated: World arrogance thought that with the passing of time our people would become tired. But figures show that the number of those dispatched has increased five-fold in comparison to last year; and this demonstrates that our nation has not become tired of war. It also proves that this war, contrary to what world arrogance would like to make out, is not a battle between Arabs and Persians, but rather, this war is a war between justice and injustice. The dispatch of our forces, both Iranian and Iraqis, demonstrates this reality.

The chairman of the Supreme Defense Council, in conclusion, addressed the youth of the country and said: Prepare yourself; all the signs and information that reach us from all over the world show that these blows are doing their work and having their effect. Even according to world commentators, the limited operations of the combatants of Islam may put an end to the rotten system of Saddam, and there may be no need for an all-out offensive on the fronts. Every operation that takes place on the battlefronts is like a sledge-hammer coming down on the Iraqi regime.

Montazeri Urges Iraqis To Prepare Future Government

NC110915 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0330 GMT 11 Sep 86

[Excerpts] According to the Central News Unit, the fighters of the Badr Brigade, which includes Iraqi refugees and Mojahedin, met yesterday with His Eminence Ayatollah Montazeri. The ayatollah used the occasion to stress the issues of self-defense and holy war in the context of the Koran. [passage omitted]

He then alluded to the Iraqi nation's current malaise and the imposed tyranny of Saddam. Ayatollah Montazeri reiterated that Saddam implemented a plan of aggression against the Islamic Revolution which was drafted and launched by the superpowers. He reminded his audience that if a nation does not welcome rebellion, bloodshed, and martyrdom, it will taste neither truth nor victory. The Muslim Iranian nation triumphed after years of struggle with the devil [taghut]. [passage omitted]

His Eminence Ayatollah Montazeri emphatically declared: You, Iraqi Mojahedin and refugee brothers, who are victims of such a cruel devil, should man the fronts in great numbers during this month of Moharram, the month of blood, sacrifice, and martyrdom. You should follow the path of the lord of martyrs, Husayn 'ibn 'Ali, peace be upon him, for the deliverance of yourselves and your nation. Your brothers inside Iraq should also recognize their responsibility, show some initiative, and act. While you, dear fighters, are engaged in holy war, they should stage an uprising inside the country so that, God willing, you may be victorious and successful.

His Eminence Ayatollah Montazeri emphasized that military and political cadres must be trained to meet Iraq's future needs. He added: As I have said many times before, Iraqi Mojahedin and refugees must give serious thought to the formation of political, military, and even judicial cadres, regardless of the group or party they may be affiliated with. This is in addition to fighting at the battlefronts, and it will help meet the future needs of Iraq. Despite the fact that the ulema and the pious carried the revolution to victory, they did not have the knowledge essential to govern a country. [passage omitted]

Ayatollah Montazeri continued: Any shortcomings or discrepancies in Iran's Islamic Revolution may be traced to our lack of foresight in failing to train the officials necessary to manage the country's political and judicial affairs from the pool of strong, devout, and revolutionary individuals. As I have said repeatedly since the revolution, we need at least 1,000 impartial and qualified judges well versed in the body of Islamic law. Unfortunately, we do not even have 20. Thus, the brothers linked to the Supreme Islamic Revolution of Iraq, elders, and Iraqi clerics should pay attention to this important point. They should make plans for the identification of dedicated and knowledgeable personnel within Iraq or abroad. Of course, the fronts must also be manned, so we may take the war to final victory. However, please remember that once Saddam falls, God willing, the country cannot be ruled by slogans alone. The eyes of political powers in both East and West are riveted on Iraq, and they are waiting for their chance.

Our brothers should keep this in mind and adopt a policy of unity. If they spot any individual who might be of use to their struggle, and could prove to be a strong force in bringing about an Islamic revolution in Iraq, he should be given the chance, regardless of his group or party affiliation. The secret of the Islamic Revolution's victory in Iran lies in the united stand taken by all groups and individuals.

In Afghanistan, the nation that is making so many sacrifices could have been victorious had all Muslim fighters been united and free of any internecine or ideological differences. If the welter of splinter groups had not insisted on giving conflicting instructions according to their own policies, they would have driven the usurpers out of the country.

Executions of Iraqi Officers Denied

LD111804 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 11 Sep 86

[Text] According to an IRNA report, the spokesman of the War Publicity Headquarters said that claims by the Iraqi regime about execution of Iraqi POWs on Southern Majnun Island are absolute lies designed merely as a publicity exercise. He also said: The claim by the Iraqi regime that Iraqi officers, bound hand-and-foot, were executed, is a blatant lie. This claim by the regime in Iraq is a propaganda exercise aimed at blocking Iraqi servicemen from surrendering or seeking refuge at the time of engagements with the warriors of Islam. He also did not refute claims that the above may be used as another pretext by the Iraqi regime to commit new crimes.

Further Reports on Combat Operations in War With Iraq

Basra Oil Installations Attacked

LD111657 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 11 Sep 86

[Text] The brave warriors of Islam, in retaliation for attacks launched by the Ba'thist regime in Iraq against the residential and industrial quarters of our country during the past 24 hours, directed their artillery fire on the petrochemical installations in Basra, inflicting damage and losses.

According to an *Islamic Republic News Agency* report, in addition the coastal artillery of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps fired on an Iraqi gunboat in Khur Abdollah region, halting its advance toward Al-Bakr platform and forcing it to leave the area.

Amphibious Attack on Majnun Islands

LD111736 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 11 Sep 86

[Text] The combatants of Islam today carried out successful amphibious operations on the far southern Majnun Islands inflicting heavy losses and casualties on the Ba'thist enemy. We draw your attention to our correspondent's report:

On the eve of 'Ashura, the true followers of the Holy Hoseyn, may peace be upon him, aiming to destroy and inflict blows on the forces of the infidel Saddam, the combatants of Islam last night [as heard] embarked on a military operation in the Majnun Island operational sector. In this limited attack, which started at 0200 today, the blasphemy-fighting combatants of Islam destroyed a battalion from the 601 Brigade of the Zionist army of Iraq. After crossing barbed wire and other obstacles they captured 31 enemy troops, among whom were officers and NCOs of the Iraqi forces. Also in this infiltration operation, 5 loaders, 5 tipper trucks, 33 cases of weapons, 10 60mm mortars, a few machine guns, radios, and 5 boats were destroyed, while a number of mortars, air-defense equipment, heavy and light weapons, and communications equipment were seized by the forces of Islam.

Communique No. 2,591

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[Text] Tehran, Sept. 11, IRNA — Several Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded and three enemy gun emplacements, three light and heavy vehicles, and many bunkers destroyed throughout the fronts in artillery duels with Iranian forces on Wednesday, said a military communique here Thursday.

Joint Staff Communique Number 2,591 said that Iran's Navy intercepted and inspected six cargo ships and oil tankers sailing under different foreign flags in the Strait of Hormuz Wednesday but allowed them to continue voyage after being satisfied that they were not carrying goods for Iraq.

Exchange of artillery fire continued throughout the fronts Wednesday raging somewhat more heavily in Hajj 'Umran and Sardasht, in northwestern fronts, as a result of which several Iraqi bunkers and observation posts were destroyed and enemy fire silenced. Enemy positions were also badly damaged, the communique said.

In the southern fronts, the communique said, Iranian forces reconnoitered and shelled Iraqi positions, supply routes and armoured units in Al-Faw and Nahr 'Anbar Wednesday inflicting heavy casualties and losses on Iraqi forces.

According to the communique, a number of Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded and three enemy gun emplacements and observation posts destroyed in the western fronts Wednesday when they were subjected to artillery fire.

Iranian gendarmerie forces reconnoitered and opened heavy artillery fire on Iraqi positions in parts of the southern fronts Wednesday killing or wounding some Iraqi soldiers and destroying three enemy light and heavy vehicles as well as with two bunkers. [last phrase as received] Enemy engineering operations were also halted.

Missile Attack Announced

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[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] Dear listeners. Before I begin the news summary, I wish to draw your attention to a communique issued by the Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps a few minutes ago:

In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. And fight them until there is no tumult or sedition. [Koranic verse]

O valiant Islamic ummah! O combatant Iranian nation! In light of the Ba'thist Zionist Iraqi regime's continuing antihuman measures exemplified by its attacks on our country's industrial, labor, and residential installations; in retaliation for the recent mischief undertaken by the criminal rulers of Baghdad through their use of chemical weapons; and following the repeated warnings issued by the Islamic Republic of Iran, the lighting roar of surface-to-surface missiles launched by the missile unit of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps Air Forces was heard at 0045 this morning [2115 GMT on 11 September]. This missile attack on the Intelligence and Information Center in Baghdad has shaken the very foundations of the dying Baghdad regime.

Once again the missile units of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps announce that all industrial, military, and economic centers of Iraq will be its targets as long as the criminal Iraqi regime continues its antihuman measures. A crushing and decisive response will be given. With the assistance of God, victory is at hand. [Koranic Verse]

[Signed] Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps

Information Headquarters Statement

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[Text] Tehran, Sept. 12, IRNA — The War Information Headquarters (WIH) in a statement Friday, stressed that the Islamic combatants of Iran in a deterrent measure, missiled a high sensitive security center of Iraqi regime in Baghdad at 0047 Friday (2117 GMT Thursday).

The statement said that the missile attack was aimed at halting the Iraqi raids on Iranian residential areas and industrial units and its deployment of chemical weapons.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, the statement added, in order to hinder the Iraqi regime from repeating its crimes, had for many times turned to international organizations and bodies.

But, it stressed, as these organizations were expected, they once again failed to show a proper reaction to the extent that simultaneously with the 8th Summit Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement in Harare, Iraqi forces dropped chemical bombs in western operational theater in Iran.

The Non-Aligned Movement itself kept silent vis-a-vis this dreadful crime and aggression by the Baghdad regime.

The experience of the past six years has proved this fact that the Islamic Republic of Iran should individually take measuresagainst violations of the Iraqi regime and its transgression of international laws.

The War Information Headquarters reiterated that in case the Iraqi regime did not abandon its every-day crimes, the Muslim forces of Iran will give a more decisive response to the enemy.

Iraqi Planes Bomb Kerend

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[Text] Bakhtaran, Sept. 12, IRNA — Iraqi warplanes bombed residential quarters of western Kerend, Bakhtaran Province in west of Iran, at 07:04 GMT Friday. A number of civilians were martyred and injured as a result of the Iraqi air raid. Several houses were also damaged.

No report is yet available on the exact number of martyrs and wounded and the extent of damage.

In the Friday morning Iraqi bombardment of Kerend-e Gharb, Bakhtaran Province, three-points in the city were hit, in which eight civilians were martyred and 21 others injured.

In another development, Iraqi warplanes bombed Mian-mill [name as received] village, a suburb of the city, at 06:40 GMT Friday. Four villagers were martyred, scores of others were wounded and four houses were destroyed during the Iraqi air raid.